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Leaves change in preparation for upcoming ColourFest

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Staff Reporter

'Tis the season of hot apple cider, *Gilmore Girls* reruns, and of course, the great Haliburton Pumpkin Roll.

That's right, we are nearing Dysart's annual ColourFest, held this year on Sept. 28 at Head Lake Park. "This is a very exciting year for us," said Andrea Mueller, the manager of programs and events for Municipality of Dysart et al. "There are some new additions to the usual programming, and there is really something for everyone."

Kicking off at 11 a.m., the event will offer face painting by Pockets the Clown, inflatable games, kids crafts, a mask making workshop by the Haliburton Museum, a classic car show, sweet treats, a vendor market, and games, to name a few offerings.

"Of course, we will be offering the pumpkin roll as well," chuckled Mueller. "That's become a highlight of the event."

The pumpkin roll is offered by the Haliburton Rotary Club, and this year, has

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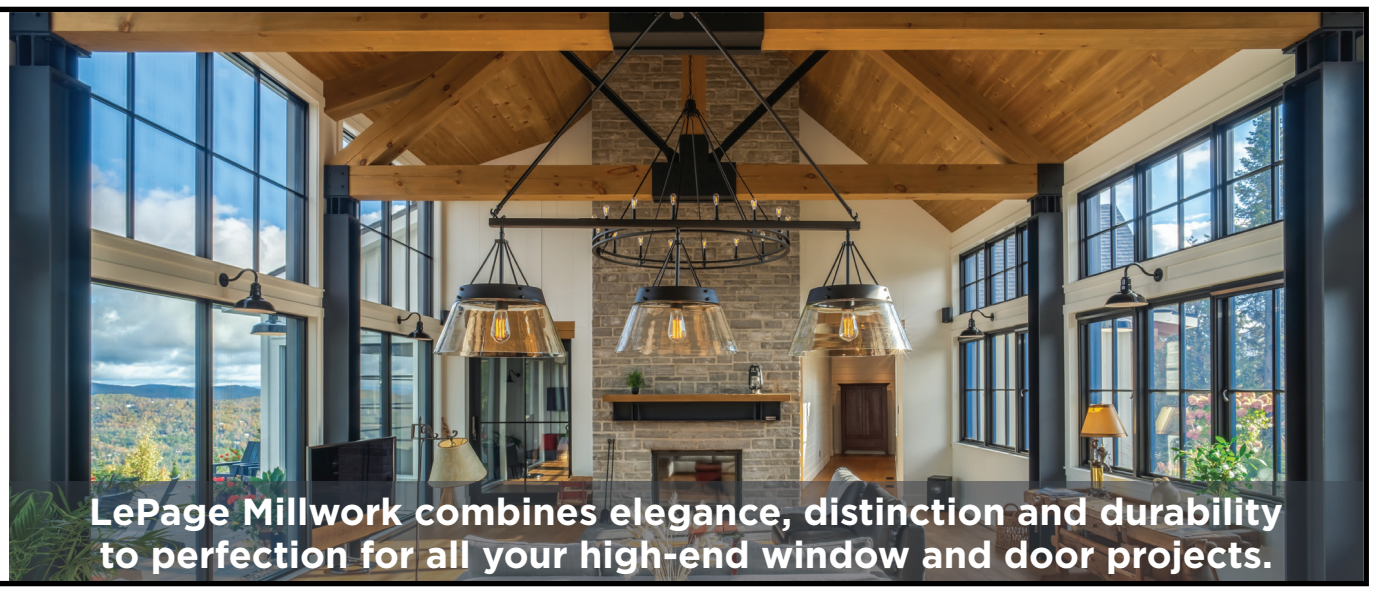
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Competitors in the 10 to 13 age category of the Haliburton Rotary Club ColourFest Pumpkin Rolling Contest roll their pumpkins down York Street at the annual autumn event ColourFest held at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. The event includes children's activities, live entertainment, a classic car show, face painting, and other fun activities. /FILE

ColourFest kicks off cozy season

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a variety of age groups offered to participate. Mueller noted that the event is free, but you must register in advance at the Haliburton Rotary booth the day of ColourFest. The winner of the roll will receive a prize from Haliburton Rotary.

Mueller said that one key piece of information about this coming ColourFest, is that the day will be running rain or shine. "We've had all types of weather in the past," she said, "so it's important that people be prepared for any type of weather." All activities will be running in the rain, with the exception of the inflatable games which could pose risk in inclement conditions.

Entry to ColourFest is free of charge, but a select few activities will come with a cost, including purchasing from the vendor market.

"The event is the same day as the Great Haliburton Clothing Swap," noted Mueller. "So we are really encouraging people to come into town that day, visit ColourFest, head to the clothing swap (at the college), and check out some of the shops and restaurants downtown while they're here."

ColourFest runs from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sept. 28 in Head Lake Park, in the heart of Haliburton. For more information, visit www.dysartetal.ca.

Health board joins campaign for guaranteed livable income

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It's said that money can't buy happiness, but having enough in the basic sense can stave off many social ailments.

Having even just enough is something most people don't have. But the learned, informed crowd at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Public Health Unit is getting behind an effort to lobby for a guaranteed basic income for everybody.

A lofty idea in these economically violent times, but it's an idea based in a realizing income-based solutions to a wide variety of problems that affect public health such as food insecurity.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, the medical officer of health for the public health unit, suggested when the board met Sept. 19 that they put their support behind an effort to sway the federal government to establish basic income for Canadians.

Cecil Ryall, the representative for Haliburton County, wondered if the support from municipalities under the umbrella of the public health unit would add weight to the campaign.

"Absolutely," Bocking said. "I think the more letters of support that things like this get from a variety of different partners and organizations, the better."

If that's going to happen, Ryall said, the board needs to reach out to the municipal and county councils to have the topic added to meeting agendas.

The campaign supports the proposed National Framework for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income Act.

Sponsored in December 2021 by Senator Kim Pate, Bill S-233 in the Senate and Bill C-223 in the House of Commons, requires the minister of Finance to develop a national framework to provide a guaranteed livable basic income to Canadians older than 17 years old.

The proposed legislation, which had its second reading in Parliament in April 2023, calls on government to "determine what constitutes a livable basic income for each region in Canada, taking into account the goods and services that are necessary to ensure that individuals can lead a dignified and healthy life, as well as the cost of those goods and services in accessible markets."

It calls for the creation of national standards for health and social supports that complement a guaranteed basic income program.

Individual arrested on multiple charges

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has arrested an individual who had been wanted on several outstanding warrants.

On Sept. 17, 2024, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Haliburton Highlands officers responded to an assault at a residence on County Road 503 near Gooderham. The suspect fled the scene before police arrived, prompting a large-scale search of the area and an advisory to local residents.

The victim was treated for minor injuries.

On Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, around 7:30 p.m. the OPP received a tip that the wanted male was hiding at a location on Community Centre Road in Highlands East.

Officers located the male who was taken into custody without incident.

As a result of the investigation and multiple outstanding warrants, Adam MCLEAN, age 40 of Cobourg, has been charged with:

- Assault
- Uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm - two counts
- Failure to comply with an undertaking - five counts

The accused is scheduled to appear for a virtual bail hearing today, Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024.

Haliburton Folk Society prepares for Winter Folk Camp

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

Walt Tose, chairperson of the Haliburton County Folk Society, was drawn to the Folk Society due to his love of music.

"I've been involved with the Haliburton County Folk Society since 2012," said Tose. After being in Rock and Roll bands through the years and a love of playing guitar, Tose found himself drawn towards the Folk Society near the end of his retirement as a Physics and Mathematics teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"Eric Clapton was my guitar hero and still is," said Tose. "What really attracted me was Eric Clapton's guitar playing and his days with Cream."

While the Beatles and Rolling Stones were the biggest bands growing up, Tose stuck to his favourites and did not buy a Beatles record until he was in his 20's.

"The Folk Society started as an organization to provide support for local musicians through things like the monthly open stage and the Home Routes series of concerts."

The Haliburton County Folk Society assists with performances throughout the year in Haliburton County. In addition to their concerts series, the Folk Society is heavily involved with the Concerts in the Park that play at Head Lake in Haliburton throughout the summer. The Folk Society allows local performing musicians to register for their database. When the Folk Society is approached to find a band or musician to perform at an event, they have access to a wide variety of local performers. They provide venues for local and travelling performers, encourage young musicians, provide financial support for musical ventures, and partner with other folk societies and performing arts groups. The Folk Society uses local locations such as the Haliburton Legion, Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion and the Highland Hills United Church in Minden for their concerts.

The Haliburton County Folk Society's biggest undertaking and event throughout the year is the WInter Folk Camp. The Winter Folk Camp is an annual tradition that hosts 75 to 80 participants at the YMCA Camp Wanakita. The Winter Folk Camp involves bringing six professional musicians to the camp where residents can learn a variety of musical lessons ranging from songwriting, guitar, singing, and ukulele. Participants are welcome to sleep in cabins at Camp Wanakita for the event or stay off site and attend the camp from March 1 to 4.

"They do the classes during the day, then at night, they have a concert that is open to the public," said Tose.

Tose said that he finds it amazing how much progress musicians can make over the course of one weekend.

"We have a really good group of volunteers," said Tose. "It is rewarding to feel like you are contributing to the community". Tose said that the Folk Society currently has around 12 volunteers, but are always looking for more.

Tose says that the Folk Society is composed of an aging demographic. The Society hopes to draw the younger generation to the Society and ensure the Society to run for generation after generation.

Walt Tose, chairperson of the Haliburton County Folk Society is esctatic for their concert series lined up. /Submitted.

"Whatever happens, happens," said Tose. "We try to get younger people involved with the Folk Society, but it is hard."

Tose says that the Folk Society is always on the search for new musicians they can bring to their stages in Haliburton County.

They are always looking for musicians that can tug on your heart strings in some way, said Tose. "When the hair on your arms stands up, you can tell that it is good music."

The Haliburton County Folk Society has an exciting lineup of concerts prepared for their latest concert series. On Oct. 18, Aleksi Campagne will be performing at the Minden Hills United Church. Campagne is an indie-folk fiddler that is making a name for himself in the folk scene. The concert is on Friday, Oct. 18. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. with local musical duo Northern Wildflowers opening. Northern Wildflowers is composed of Sue Shikaze and Myrna McBrien. A third of the tickets have already sold out. It is highly advised to purchase tickets for the concerts in advance to avoid missing out on this fantastic event. Tickets for the event can be found at www.haliburtonfolk.com.

Other concerts in the Haliburton County Folk Society's concert series include Terra Lightfoot on Saturday Feb. 1, Celeigh Cardinal on Saturday April 19, and Barbra Lica on May 31. In addition to purchasing concert tickets, memberships to the Folk Society are available for purchase. Memberships provide discounts on all ticket purchases and access to the Folk Society's e-newsletter as well as promoting music in the county and fostering a welcoming community environment.

The Haliburton County Folk Society is a proud member of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative. They would like to thank the community for the continued support and hope everyone enjoys the shows.

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Clothing Swap offers new life for old clothes

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

It's time to dust off that old pair of jeans at the back of the closet, and swap them out for something even better.

On Sept. 28, the municipality of Dysart et al, in partnership with Fleming's Haliburton School of Art and Design (HSA+D) will be hosting the first Great Haliburton Clothing Swap. "This is a brand new experience for everyone," said John Watson, the environmental manager for the municipality. "People have been getting really excited about it."

Hosted in the Great Hall at HSA+D, the swap aims to offer a unique and accessible shopping spree, with everyone welcome to browse for goodies. "You don't have to donate anything to participate," said Watson, noting that he hopes as many clothes as possible are claimed, with all the leftovers to be recycled in a sustainable manner.

Watson shared that textile waste is something that is prevalent at all landfill facilities across the county. "Even with the purple bins at the five Dysart waste disposal sites, we are still seeing a lot of textiles in the garbage," he said.

The purple bins Watson referred to are located at Haliburton Landfill, Harcourt Landfill, Kennisis Lake Landfill, West Bay Landfill, and West Guilford Landfill. They are presented by the charitable organization Cornerstone to Recovery, which is a member of the National Association for Charitable Textile Recycling. The organization supports individuals navigating through mental illness and addiction.

Watson shared that folks using the landfills can divert their textile waste to these available purple bins, which accept all forms of clothing, as well as shoes, jewelry, bedding, and fabric to name a few additional items.

Yet while these purple bins remain available and support an active and meaningful cause, there are still piles of textiles in the actual landfills; items which do not decompose at a hurried pace.

Watson hopes that the clothing swap will aid in mitigating this problem. "There's a lot of talk these days about the circular economy, and making conscientious choices about shopping, and this is an opportunity to practice that," he said.

Folks are invited to drop off their used clothing at HSA+D, located at 297 College Drive in Haliburton, over the week of Sept. 23 until Sept. 27, at which point a group of dedicated volunteers will start sorting the donations for perusal.

The official swap will kick off Sept. 28. "This swap is for everyone," said Watson. "There is no particular audience, but we do hope to bring in some families who would benefit from a variety of kids' clothes. It's an opportunity to refresh your wardrobe in an affordable and accessible way."

Additional information on the swap can be found at www.dysartetal.ca.

"The entire population of Haliburton County loves helping people out," said Watson, "so this is a great fit for our community, and I would love to do this year over year. This is a needed event."

Microchipping mandatory; how volunteers can help safe travel

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

New regulations put in place by the Canadian and U.S. government may put a damper on locals planning on traveling across the border this winter.

"If your pet isn't microchipped, you're going to get denied entry," said Tracey Laframboise, a local animal rescue volunteer, noting that this may be a problem for many snowbirds traveling south with their furry friends in the coming months.

The regulation came in place in an attempt to hold pet owners accountable for their critters while traveling. "There are a lot of dumped dogs these days," said Laframboise, "so they want to track where these dogs came from."

Previously, the only required paperwork for travelers across the border was a valid proof of rabies vaccine, as well as a pet import form from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). With the recent news of a microchip requirement, many are scrambling to get chipped before they head south. And this requirement does not just apply to dogs, it's also cats as well. "A lot more people travel with cats than I thought," noted Laframboise.

To assist in this new requirement for travel, Laframboise, alongside Kristyn Begbie of Snowflake Meadows Rescue, will be offering a microchip clinic on Oct. 5 at the Fish Hatchery, located at 6712 Gelert Road in Dysart et al.

A portion of all procedures will be donated back to Snowflake Meadows, an animal rescue facility that offers rescue and rehoming opportunities to any critters in need across the county and beyond. "We are always looking for volunteers," said Begbie, who also offers boarding services to pets in the area. More information can be found on Snowflake Meadows by visiting their Facebook or Instagram page.

The microchipping clinic will be offered between 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Oct. 5, and you can register by emailing snowflakemeadowsrescue@gmail.com or texting 289-338-3429. Walk-ins are welcome day-of, but appointments will be prioritized. The cost is $40 for a microchip, or $50 for a microchip and nail trim. Organizers request that only the pets having the procedure done should be present.

Kennisis Cottagers Boost 'Here for You Campaign' with new matching challenge

To continue the momentum from the previous matching gifts, the record-breaking Health Radiothon, and to raise the necessary funds for urgently needed new x-ray equipment for HHHS, Kennisis cottagers Christine Tutssel and Rob Holl are offering to match all gifts up to $500,000 made in the coming weeks to the Here for You in the Highlands Campaign.

"Haliburton has a very special place in our hearts for our family. Our kids grew up on Kennisis Lake and now our grandchildren are enjoying the same privilege. That's why we are challenging all lakefront property owners as well as those in the towns and villages to make a contribution to the Here for You Diagnostic Imaging Campaign. We will match all gifts from today until the end of October up to $500,000," said Tutssel.

"Let's show Haliburton County how thankful we are for everything it has to offer. We know that many people have already been very generous in supporting the campaign. But there are still a large number that have the capacity to give but have not yet done so. We are encouraging them to do so by Thanksgiving to help bring this campaign home," she said.

"We reside in the Kitchener Waterloo area where resources are relatively abundant to support local needs but the need in Haliburton County is great and resources are far more limited. We are making this contribution here because we know that in Haliburton, it will make a real difference," Tutssel added.

Campaign Cabinet Member, Peter Henry welcomed Christine & Rob's challenge matching gift. "Several people who own properties in Haliburton but are not here full-time have asked me why they should support HHHS. For us, it's simple: Most of us have made a trip to the HHHS Emergency Department for ourselves, our family or our visitors at one time or another. We count on HHHS being there when we need it, and we want to make sure that it has the tools it needs to serve us well."

"This matching gift is very, very generous and we hope that it will encourage many to give, and even to give again. For those people who support their local hospitals at their main residences, we ask you to consider also contributing to this campaign to get the basic diagnostic imaging resources in place in the Highlands," he added.

With the extraordinary support of the community during the MooseFM Health Radiothon presented by Minden Subaru, the generous matching donations from Scott & Chere Campbell and Richard Muir are now exhausted.

"These matching challenges made a huge impact, spurring additional gifts and momentum in the community" said HHHSF Executive Director Melanie Klodt Wong. "I believe Christine & Rob's challenge will do the same and reach folks who haven't thought about us in the past. HHHS is working towards a brighter future and I am grateful that so many people are recognizing this project as the start of something positive."

The Here for You Campaign has exceeded the initial goal of $4,300,000 required to bring a CT Scanner and CT Mammography to the county, plus upgrade Ultrasound equipment and the image archiving system (PACS). The campaign has currently raised over $55,000,000.

"We can't say thank you enough to Christine Tutssel and Rob Holl for giving the campaign this huge boost at this time!" said volunteer Campaign Chair, Tayce Wakefield.

" Our Campaign Cabinet is an outstanding team of volunteers, some with deep roots locally and others who love spending their spare time on our lakes. When we first met, we asked 'what's our stretch target, if we can raise the necessary funds for the initial campaign?' When we heard that HHHS' x-ray suite is 12 years old and urgently needs to be replaced, we said we'd do our best to raise the additional funds required to do that, too," said Wakefield.

HHHSF Board Chair David Blodgett said, "Over 600 members of our community have contributed to this campaign so far. Thank you to every one of them! Every donation gets us closer to the diagnostic imaging equipment HHHS so urgently needs. My thanks also to our dedicated Campaign Cabinet, who are giving their time and experience to help us all."

The volunteer members of the Campaign Cabinet are Greg Bishop, Kurtis Bishop, David Blodgett, Michael Harrison, Peter Henry, Pat Kennedy, Klara Oyler, Keith Sjögren, Roger Trull, Tayce Wakefield and Dale Walker.

"Since its discovery over a century ago, X-ray technology remains an indispensable diagnostic imaging tool. We know we are behind in replacing our general x-ray equipment. According to the Canadian Association of Radiologists, our equipment should be replaced about every 10 years. More recently, we are experiencing an increase in repairs needed. We simply cannot be without. We sincerely appreciate how the community has united to raise the necessary funds," said HHHS CEO, Veronica Nelson.

For further information and how to contribute to the Here for You in the Highlands Campaign, please contact Melanie Klodt Wong, Executive Director, HHHS Foundation at 705-457-1580 and check out our website at hhhs.ca/foundation.

Submitted

Christine Tutssel and Rob Holl are matching gifts made to the Here for You in the Highlands Campaign. /Submitted photo

Golf tournament raises $60,000 for Abbey Gardens

Abbey Gardens is a charitable organization created with a mission to transform a spent gravel pit into a green space dedicated to developing economic, ecological, educational, and recreational growth within our community. "One of the ways our organization meets this mission is through the education programs we offer, and the over $60,000 in funds raised by this year's golf tournament will go a long way towards ensuring we can continue to get kids hooked on nature" states Angela Kruger, Executive Director of Abbey Gardens, "We are grateful for all the hard work Janis Parker, our board of directors, volunteers, and staff put into the planning and execution of this golf tournament. We also want to thank our sponsors, and players for their support. As a charity, we depend on donations not only to help us offer our programs but to also continue to offer access to our greenspace at no charge to our local and visiting community members."

Submitted by Angela Kruger, Executive Director of Abbey Gardens.

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Editorial

IS IT COOL to be conscientious?

You'd certainly hope so. As I sat down this past week to chat with Dysart's environmental manager John Watson, I noted his zest for making the community a better place through sustainable initiatives.

Watson is instrumental in bringing the Great Haliburton Clothing Swap to life; an opportunity to breathe some new life into items that simply don't serve you anymore.

One person's trash is another person's treasure.

With over 17 million tonnes of textiles ending up in global landfills each year, and the average t-shirt taking up to 200 years to decompose, textile waste plays a major role in the ongoing climate crisis.

Fast fashion available at the click of a mouse makes the industry far too accessible for those of us living in the age of the internet.

Sometimes, generally around Jan. 1, I see folks try to commit to a year of not falling prey to fast fashion. These wholesome promises are generally accompanied by a lengthy social media update; outlining the atrocities of textile waste.

Now, if you have participated in one of these challenges and succeeded, kudos to you.

But I don't know anyone who has made it a whole year without some sort of profligate purchase.

Especially if you have kids. It's one thing to add that kitschy cat sweater that you saw on a targeted ad to cart, but it's something else to replace running shoes every four to six months as your child sprouts up faster than Jack's beanstalk.

I understand the appeal of fast fashion. Sometimes you just don't have a choice.

But other times, you know the consequences, and you opt to look the other way.

In 2006, when Al Gore released *An Inconvenient Truth*, the world changed. A little bit. Temporarily. Suddenly, climate change was something that was a hot topic. Celebrities were jumping on the bandwagon. Climate change became a buzz word in politics, in the news, and most importantly, in the average home.

People started caring. Organizations were held accountable. Boycotts were put in place. Change was starting to happen.

Until the next thing.

And then we moved on.

The media has a way of curving the ebbs and flows of human interest. Pulling at the heartstrings of people who care, to care just a little bit more. For now. It's cool to be conscientious.

It's human nature to gawk at what's right in front of us; the headlines that flash across the screen that remind us to care about climate change, about the Ukraine, about Palestine, about anything that makes us feel like we are a part of something bigger. That reminds us that we are human.

These are all important things to be reminded of. But just because the next news story flashes brightly, it doesn't mean the last one has been laid to rest. Climate change is just as important as it was in 2006, if not more. It will always be cool to be conscientious; no matter the topic.

While the overarching problem of climate change lies in the hands of a select few conglomerate organizations and people of power, I choose to believe that we can do our little part to make the world a bit better. If not for us, at least for our children. We can keep our old clothes from local waste sites, and give them a new life with a new family and a new purpose. It's a start.

Because even if climate change isn't flashing across our screen on a daily basis anymore, it's still changing our world every day, and the inconvenient truth is that it's not going away any time soon.

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A fisher casts a line out on Head Lake. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*

Toad on the road

Down sharon lynch

Our road

SOMETIMES YOU JUST have to do what you think is right no matter what others might say. Such were George's thoughts as he watched the stars randomly blink on across the darkening sky. This was the time in his day when he slowed down and let his mind wander, never knowing where it might end up.

Tonight he sat in the front porch watching what few night insects there were circling around the light. Gone were the days of bug-smeared car windshields and outside light fixtures clogged with suicidal moths. These times, the natural world around George was far too tidy and clean. At least that was his opinion. Unlike a well-kept house, the scene outdoors ought to be overflowing with critters of every type: big and small, pretty or not, wet, slimy, hairy or maybe a little of all these.

Living in the country meant he was more in-tune with his outdoor surroundings than his city-dwelling cousins. Sure they enjoyed sitting around a campfire, looking up at the moon on those weekend visits. But don't expect them to like the smell of skunk in the morning or spider webs laced over the watering can. Except for Patricia.

She had always been the 'tomboy', the one who mucked with the bull frogs and fearlessly baited her fish-hook. George could talk to Patricia about his concerns for mother-earth without feeling like some mushy, sentimental fool. He knew the world was in trouble and it wasn't just from the relentless wars on the other side of the globe. It was the climate changing, the loss of so many of the critters he used to see around him, the feeling of powerlessness.

When those feelings and thoughts got him down, George could always phone Patricia. She would let him talk and talk, get all the words out and then somehow she knew what to say to make him feel both heard and validated. "Yes", she'd agree, "We're all in a mess but did you see that new cure for something-or-other discovered last week? So it's not all bad, George – at least not yet." Then he'd have to agree with her and the conversation would move on to more upbeat topics.

Tonight as he sat in the porch thinking of Patricia and wondering if he should give her a call, he saw a movement outside. Getting up, he walked over to the window screen. These unusually mild nights seemed to bring out the animals. Just the other night when something caught the corner of his eye, he watched a raccoon family of three traipsing across the top of his fence. However there were no raccoons tonight and besides, what he saw was out on the road. It was small and appeared to be hopping randomly.

Wondering if he was a fool for doing so, George headed outside to investigate. Sure enough, there was a toad in the middle of the road. He looked down at it. It wasn't huge like some of the really big ones he'd seen on his walks. Those were the unlucky ones which didn't make it to the other side before a vehicle came along. He watched as it took some rather lack-lustre jumps without making much headway. George knew what was going to happen. Any minute a car or truck would come by and that would be the end of this creature.

He was so sick of seeing the road kill. From deer to porcupines, squirrels to beavers and of course plenty of toads, George hated the summer carnage. So he tried nudging the toad with his foot to hurry it along. All that accomplished was a short little hop. So he nudged again. Same thing. Feeling a bit foolish, he none-the-less bent down, picked up the dry, bumpy little thing and after walking over to the shoulder, placed the toad back on the ground. It didn't move. George wondered if it would head back for the road as though on some toad mission but he decided he couldn't worry about that.

Then he went inside and phoned Patricia. "Guess what I just did?" he said after she answered. And they had a good chat.

points of view

Safety first

THEY SAY THAT with age comes wisdom, but I'm not sure that explains why I started wearing socks and sandals. It might, however, be the reason why I tend to view things differently than I used to.

For instance, the other day, I watched one TV show where the hero, in an effort to catch the bad guy, initiated a car chase that wiped out several parked vehicles, crashed through a police blockade, drove right through a busy mall, jumped across an opening draw bridge, caused several explosions, did damage to the grass and flower beds in a city park, scared quite a few ducks, and demolished a toll gate. All this happened while the protagonist was exchanging automatic gunfire with the bad guy and driving at breakneck speeds in an unsafe vehicle.

I was entertained by this sort of thing in my youth, but I now see it for what it is: highly irresponsible behaviour.

I mean, not once did the hero or the villain make the slightest attempt to drive within the speed limit, use turn signals, show courtesy to pedestrians or other drivers, or utilize anything approximating safe firearms handling practices. And don't even get me started about the grenades and rocket launchers. I've said it once and I'll say it again: they have no place in rush hour traffic – no matter how bad it is.

steve galea

Loon Tales

If I seem peeved, it is because I am. Mostly because I know I would have gotten pulled over the minute I drove my vehicle through the top of that bus.

Look, I know there were extenuating circumstances and plenty of blame to throw around.

I mean the bad guys were terrorists who had just destroyed an entire embassy and were now driving a truck full of nuclear explosives away after giving the 100 or so police that cordoned off the embassy the slip. And they were also planning to use those explosives to cause death and destruction in a busy and historic public square. So that's on them.

But the good guy should have known better. I mean, if a bad guy jumps off a bridge does that mean you have to?

I get it. The hero took it personally because one of the terrorists had eluded him in Mumbai and then again in Munich after a very humiliating public sword fight in a museum. But that's still no excuse for reckless driving, explosive use, and wanton gunplay.

If it was, we would all be using it.

So, let's be honest here and call it what it was – attention seeking behaviour. If you ask me, it's high time those boys grew up.

Also, how come car chases on TV or in the movies are never truly realistic?

If they were, both the terrorists and the good guy would have got stuck behind a responsible mature driver who was travelling 20 kilometers an hour under the speed limit and whose turn signal was on for the last 15 blocks.

Or they might have run into a guy who is horrible at parallel parking, just as he was making his 23rd attempt to squeeze a 13-foot car into a 12-foot space. Or maybe the chase would have been foiled by a couple of local boys who stopped their vehicles in opposite lanes of a two-lane road to have a nice visit.

All of these things, come to think of it, are probably the reason there are never any highspeed car chases around here.

You're welcome.

pic *of the* past

Herb Barnum and a team of horses at Barnum Farm. The woman is unknown. /FILE

A meet and greet for a rally prior to the general election on Sept. 25, 1963. In the foreground, former Premier Leslie Frost can be seen, hometown candidate Ronald Glen Hodgson can be seen in the middle, and John Robarts can be seen in the foreground. /Photo submitted by Martin Hodgson

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.

Open house welcomes all

J.Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and Stuart W. Baker Elementary school welcomed families into their open houses on Thursday Sept. 19. Visitors enjoyed a barbecue, corn, and a variety of fun games. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

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Home Hardware and PIE Education Founders sponsoring backpacks for children

Minden and Haliburton Home Hardware Building Centres owner Daniel Moulton are announcing the donation of 200 bags to families throughout Minden and Haliburton. Daniel Moulton has partnered with PIE Education since 2018 and is expanding his participation to families throughout Ontario.

For the past 15 years, the program has provided over 27,500 filled backpacks to children across Ontario. PIE Education is a community-oriented program aimed to support kids in government-subsidized housing and social service organizations, by supplying students with the necessary materials for educational success such as backpacks, pencil cases, paper, notebooks, rulers, crayons, and pens.

Alex Nuttall and Craig Russell came up with the idea for this program in 2012. As a child, Alex grew up in government-subsidized housing, and received assistance from people in the community at a young age. Alex sees PIE Education as an opportunity to give back to the people and programs that helped him in his youth. Craig was eager to create practical solutions to fight poverty and give back to the community. Through their dedication and fundraising activities such as the PIE Golf Tournament every July, the duo raises over $100,000 annually from generous sponsors and donors to purchase the supplies.

"We understand that economically, times are very challenging, and there is a significant increase in need from local families this year," said Moulton. "Our team at Home Hardware is grateful to be in a position to support our community, and we hope these resources will help guide children through their school year."

"We believe every child should have the confidence and tools to succeed in school, and without the help of our sponsors and donors, we wouldn't be able to provide this support year after year!" added Craig Russell. "We continue to hear from so many new organizations each year looking to join the program, which highlights the growing need in the area and encourages us to expand PIE Education."

"This is a huge honour to support the work that Dan and the Home Hardware teams are doing throughout the region," said Alex Nuttall. "Their care for people, especially the children who are at-risk is inspiring to say the least. Without the team, there would be 200 children returning to school without the necessary tools for success. Thank you, Dan, for having such a big heart and taking action in favour of our most vulnerable."

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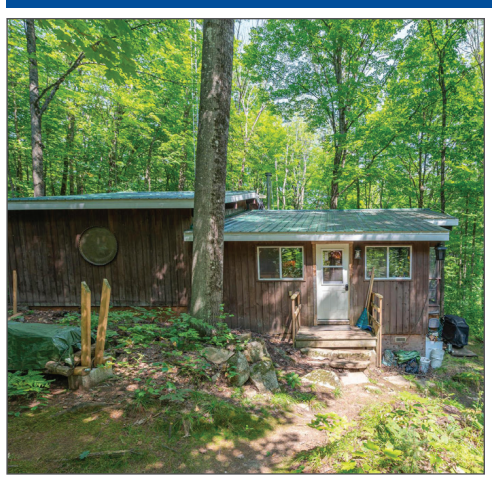

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Soup for you!

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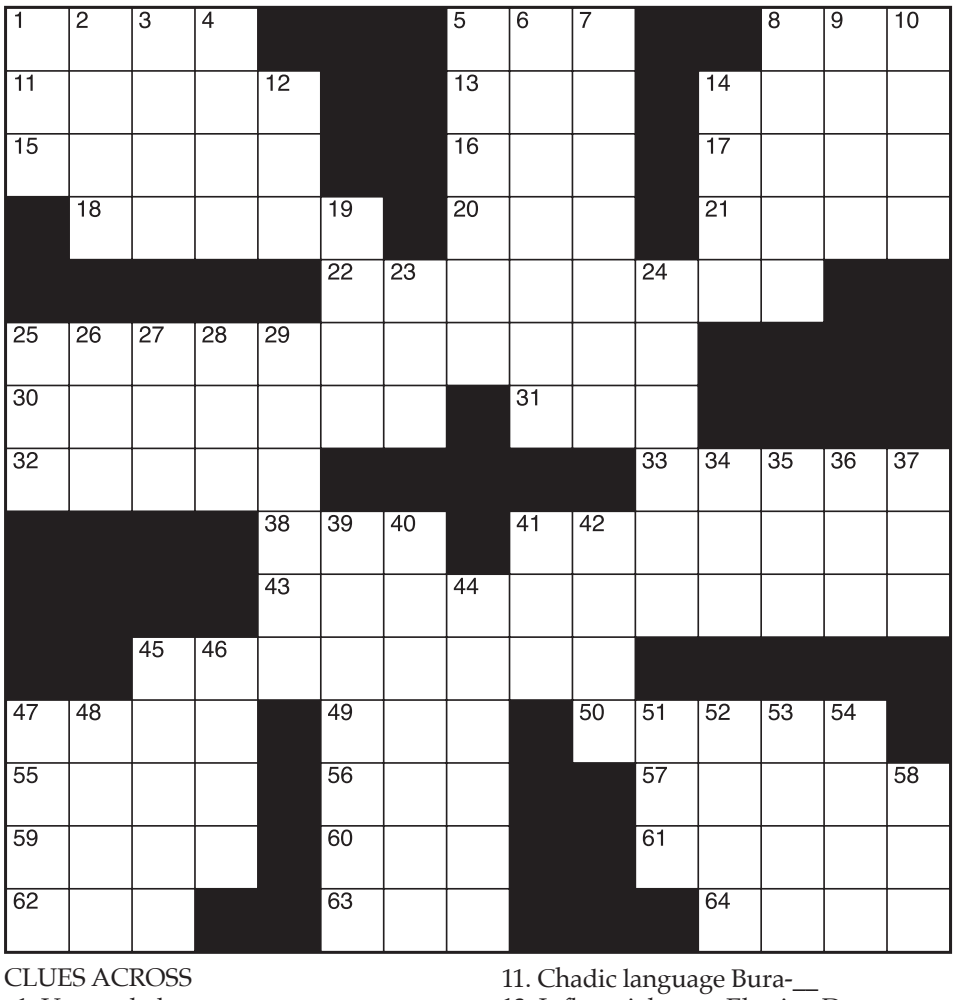

CLUES ACROSS
1. Unequaled
5. __-fi (slang)
8. Synthetic resin
11. Chadic language Bura-__
13. Influential come Election Day
14. Bucket
15. European river
16. Earn a perfect score
17. Horizontal passage
18. Barely sufficient
20. Dekaliter
21. Goo Goo Dolls hit
22. Australian city
25. Female servants
30. Plumbing fixtures
31. Tooth caregiver
32. Book of Esther antagonist
33. Say aloud
38. Thyrotrophic hormone
41. Absolute
43. Untimely
45. Area or neighborhood
47. Juicy fruit
49. Expresses distaste, disapproval
50. S. American rodents
55. Swedish rock group
56. Influential American president
57. Volume
59. Begged
60. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Good friend
63. Body part
64. Tableland

CLUES DOWN
1. Barrels per day (abbr.)
2. Body parts
3. Invests in little enterprises
4. Rock legend Turner
5. Dug into
6. Laughed
7. Northern European nation
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Eight
10. Substitutes (abbr.)
12. Moved swiftly on foot
14. Compensated
19. Volcano in the Philippines
23. Speak ill of
24. One who publishes
25. Expression of bafflement
26. Macaws
27. Matchstick game
28. We all have our own
29. Divinatory
34. Explosive
35. Follows sigma
36. Sea eagle
37. Type of bread
39. Bit used with a set of reins
40. Time away from work
41. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
42. Lots on your plate (abbr.)
44. Actor Brosnan
45. It's part of packaging
46. Towards the oral region
47. Public Theater creator Joseph
48. Ancient Syrian city
51. Swiss river
52. Mollusk
53. A French abbot
54. Hoagies
58. Not present (slang)

Answers on page 15

Take a hike

The Hike Haliburton Festival, one of Canada's largest events of its kind, took place over the weekend, where attendees could explore Ontario's highlands by taking part in more than 40 hikes throughout the beautiful region. /ADAM FRISK, Special to the *Echo*

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, October 9th, 2024
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** The Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held in the Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom. The meeting will be live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATION:

1. D13-MV-2024-017 Davison & Semler-Davison

   - The following variance is requested to permit increased shoreland lot coverage on a lot located in the WR4L zone:

     a) A variance to section 5.2 to permit a maximum shoreland lot coverage to be 17.5% as opposed to the permitted maximum of 15%.

   - Location: Part Lot 9, Concession 7, Parts 3 to 6, Plan 19R9117, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
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A COPY OF THE DECISION will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary-Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

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Hendrik Van Nood

Resident of Haliburton

In loving memory of Hendrik van Nood, who passed away peacefully on Monday, September 16, 2024 at Extendicare in Haliburton. Hendrik was in his 96th year. Predeceased by his wife Rosa (2009). Loving father of Robert (Lesley English), Donald (Jane, predeceased) and Richard (Shelley). Proud Opa to Stuart (Christina), Andrew (Melanie), Daniel (Krista), Brandon (Lina), Brittney (Trevor), and Adam (Kim). Thrilled to be Overgrootvader to Jacob, Hannah, Quinn, and Charles. Predeceased by his brothers Maurits, Pieter, and Frans in Holland.

Henk lived through WW2 in Holland and served with the Dutch army in Indonesia before immigrating to Toronto, Canada in 1954. He arrived in Canada only knowing two people and speaking no English. Rosa followed shortly after. Summers were spent landscaping and winters driving an oil truck. The family moved to Haliburton in 1974, originally as co-owners of Deer Lodge and then owners of The Driftwood Restaurant, which they ran successfully for a number of years. After selling the restaurant Henk took up carpentry with Ron Sisson Contracting until his retirement.

When Rosa became unwell, he took on her care with a dedication second to none. When she moved into Extendicare, he became a full-time volunteer at Extendicare for many years up to and beyond her passing. His quick smile and twinkling eyes were a constant at Extendicare for 22 years.

As many can attest to, Henk loved his cards. Tuesday nights in West Guilford and later, Mondays at Park Lane Apartments. He instilled this love in his children and grandchildren. Christmas morning will be much quieter without his enthusiasm.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Please join the family at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday, September 23, 2024, for a funeral service beginning at 11:00 with visitation one hour prior. As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers or the Park Lane Residence Council. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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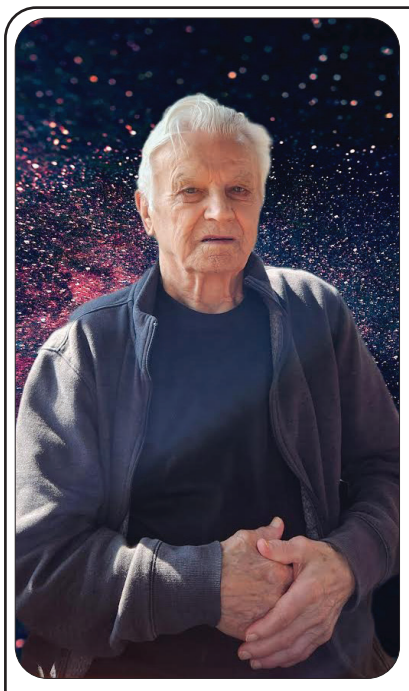

Leslie (Sonny) Smith

Resident of Haliburton

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Leslie (Sonny) Smith. Surrounded by loved ones, he left us Sunday, September 15th at 94 years of age.

He is finally reuniting with the love of his life Arthella and their son, Dale. Leslie was the last of 11 siblings. An amazing, loving father to Carmen, Brenda (Russell) and Laureen (Cleve). He will be missed by his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Too many to name.

He will be remembered as the kind, soft-spoken gentleman who in later years walked miles. He had pride in his work and his family. He will be fondly missed by the many friends he made and the family he made friends. The family would like to express their immense appreciation for all the compassion, love, and care he received from all the staff at Extendicare. He felt at home and safe there.

Celebration of Life

As per the family's wishes, private funeral arrangements have taken place. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 1:00 to 4:00 at **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 129-HALIBURTON** 719 Mountain St, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made in Les's honor to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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David Cook

Resident of Algonquin Highlands

In Loving Memory of David (Dave) Bruce Cook. David passed away surrounded by his family on September 17th, 2024 after a long courageous battle with cancer. Survived by his loving partner and best friend Liz. Cherished father of Chris (Ashley), Mike, Courtney (Brandon), Dana (Scott), and Christopher (Faye.) Adored Grandpa (poppa) to; Edie, Alice, Keilan, Drey, Zayn, Lennon, Knox, and, Ada.

Beloved son of Viola and Bruce Cook (Predeceased.) Dear brother of Brenda (Dan), Marlene (Ron), and Allan (Hiedi.) Fondly Remembered and missed by his many nieces, nephews, and friends.

David worked very hard as a car painter for over 40 years at Curry Motors body shop. He loved camping, fishing, cooking, and taking naps with his French bulldog Gertie. David's family would like to express a very heartfelt thanks to Dr. Norm Bottum, Home and Community Care, HHHS – Palliative Care, and the nurses at the emergency ward at Haliburton Hospital. A very special thank you to Nurses Betty, Carol, Meghan, and Tracy. You are all amazing.

Private Funeral Arrangements

In keeping with David's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made in David's name to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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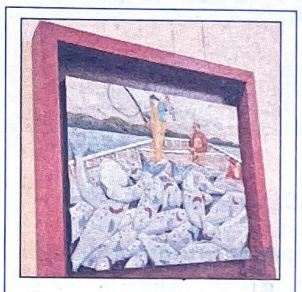

Cat-astrophe

Feline-inspired exhibit has claws **9**

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New businesses spring up in the village **12**

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Tuesday, October 9, 2012

Winner of the OCNA Award for General Excellence

Let's go Red Hawks, let's go!

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Dan Marsden, right, ended the Red and White pep rally for the school's sports teams with a dance and cheer in the gym on Thursday, Oct. 4. The school's girls rugby, girls basketball and football teams were in action on the day. Marsden said he got the idea from seeing another coach on television do it.

Darren Lum Staff

Dysart arena renovations on schedule

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The ice is gone, the walls are bare and the seats are nowhere to be found.

The inside of the Dysart arena is a shell of the building's former self, as renovations are currently taking place at the once bustling, community hub.

Started this past summer, work on the facility has been progressing according to plan, as members of council and the public had an opportunity to look at detailed blueprints for the work on Oct. 1.

Completed by architect Duncan Ross, who was contracted by the municipality, the plans include consolidating two dressing rooms, resulting in a large, wheelchair-accessible room, storage space, new flooring and a new configuration for the ice and bleachers.

"The ice surface will be larger than what we have now," said Ross, adding the ice had been shifted to the left side of the building, resulting in all the seating situated on the right side of the rink.

While the change would mean there would be less seating than before, it wouldn't be much less,

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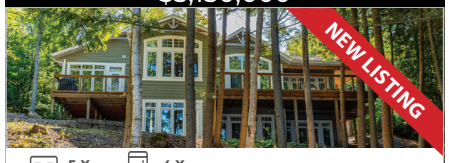

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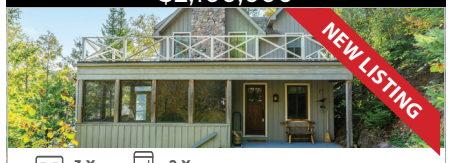

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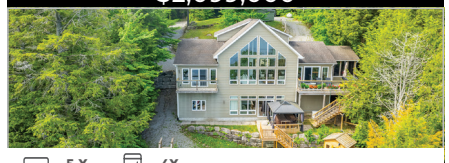

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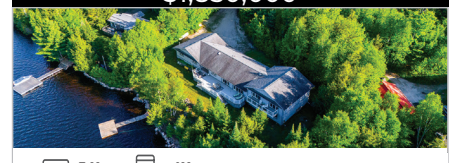

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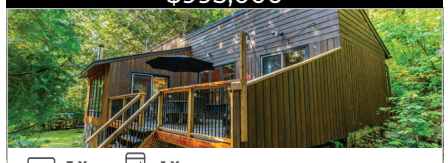

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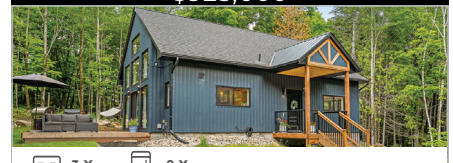

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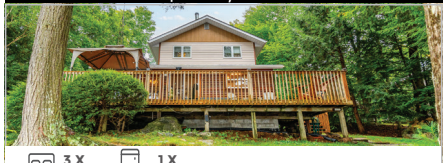

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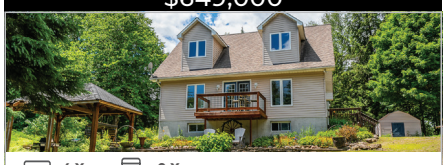

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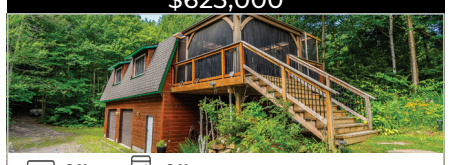

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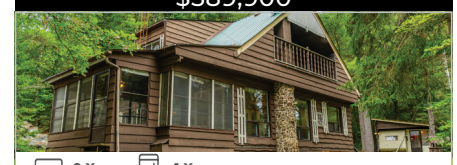

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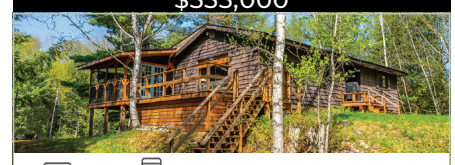

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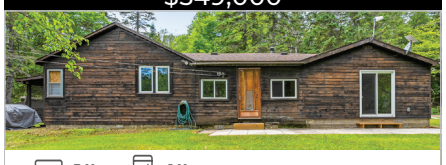

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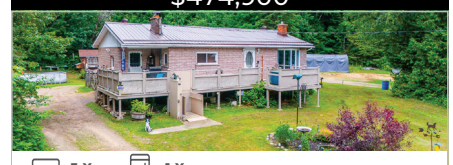

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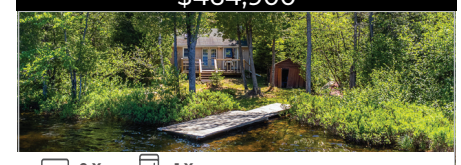

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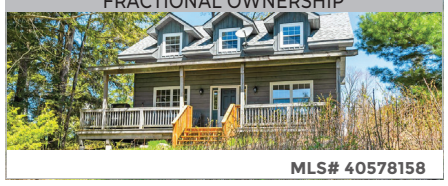

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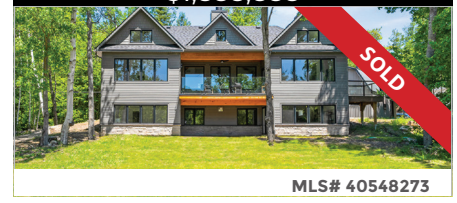

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